

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1 (currently amended): A method for using a mobile
2 communication device used by a mobile user within a
3 telecommunication network for distributing an emergency call
4 message within said telecommunication network, said method
5 comprising the steps of:
6 determining a first set comprising one or more terminals;
7 determining a second set comprising one or more
8 terminals;
9 generating an emergency call message to the terminals of
10 said first set;
11 wherein, if no terminal of said first set acknowledges
12 said emergency call message, then automatically
13 sending said emergency call message to said
14 terminals of said second set, wherein
15 said terminals of one of said first set and said second
16 set are mobile devices part of the communication
17 network that are in a vicinity closest to said
18 mobile user, and further wherein
19 said terminals of the other of said first set and said
20 second set are terminals predefined by said user.

1 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile
2 user generates an emergency call message by using a single
3 control element of his mobile device.

1 3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the
2 emergency call message is automatically generated by an
3 emergency call detector.

1 4 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the

2 emergency call message contains at least a stored
3 characteristic of said mobile user or a pointer to such a
4 characteristic.

1 5 (previously amended): The method of claim 4, wherein
2 said at least one characteristic is stored in a memory area of
3 an identification module of the mobile user.

1 6 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic is stored by said mobile user.

1 7 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic is downloaded by a third party.

1 8 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic is downloaded over said
3 telecommunication network.

1 9 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic is downloaded over a contactless
3 interface at close range.

1 10 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the name of said mobile
3 user.

1 11 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the blood group of said
3 mobile user.

1 12 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the gender of said mobile
3 user.

1 13 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at

2 least one characteristic comprises the hair color of said
3 mobile user.

1 14 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the age of said mobile
3 user.

1 15 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the car type of said mobile
3 user.

1 16 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the car color of said
3 mobile user.

1 17 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises the car plate number of
3 said mobile user.

1 18 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at
2 least one characteristic comprises a picture of said mobile
3 user.

1 19 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 emergency call message is sent as SMS message.

1 20 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 emergency call message is sent as USSD message.

1 21 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 emergency call message is sent as GPRS packet.

1 22 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 emergency call message is sent as e-mail.

1 23 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 emergency call messages are signed electronically.

1 24 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein part of
2 said emergency call messages is encrypted electronically.

1 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 1,
2 wherein said first set or said second set includes all mobile
3 devices using the same base station as said mobile user.

1 26 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the
2 position of said mobile devices within a cell of the
3 telecommunication network is determined through a location-
4 determining system in said telecommunication network and
5 wherein the emergency call message is distributed first on the
6 basis of this position indication to other mobile devices in
7 the vicinity.

1 27 (original): The method of claim 26, wherein the
2 emergency call message is distributed to mobile devices that
3 are progressively further away from the mobile user.

1 28 (original): The method of claim 27, wherein the
2 emergency call message is distributed any further until a
3 mobile device has dispatched a confirmation.

1 29 (original): The method of claim 27, wherein the
2 emergency call message is forwarded to the terminals
3 predefined by said user only when all active users within a
4 defined area have been reached.

1 30 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 terminals predefined by the mobile user are listed

3 hierarchically and wherein the emergency call message is
4 distributed progressively to all levels of this hierarchy.

1 31 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 terminals predefined by the mobile user are stored in an
3 identification module of the mobile user.

1 32 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 terminals predefined by the mobile user are stored in a memory
3 area accessible from a mobile switching center (MSC) in the
4 telecommunication network.

1 33 (previously presented): The method of claim 1,
2 wherein the location of said mobile user is also monitored
3 after said emergency call message has been sent, and wherein
4 said emergency call message is forwarded to other mobile
5 devices in a new vicinity of the mobile user if this location
6 changes.

1 34 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein at least
2 one reached mobile device dispatches a confirmation to an
3 address indicated in said emergency call message.

1 35 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein at least
2 one reached mobile device dispatches a confirmation to said
3 mobile user.

1 36 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said
2 emergency call message is completed by a fixed device in said
3 telecommunication network.

1 37 (previously presented): An identification module
2 for a mobile terminal for performing the method of claim 1,
3 wherein it has a memory area for at least one characteristic

4 of the mobile user, this characteristic being used only for
5 emergency call messages, as well as a memory area for a list
6 of terminals predefined by the mobile user and to which
7 emergency call messages must be sent.

1 38 (original): The identification module of claim 37,
2 wherein it contains an electronic certificate with which
3 emergency call messages can be signed.

1 39 (previously presented): A device in a mobile radio
2 network for performing the method of claim 1 that has a
3 location determining system for determining the position of
4 mobile devices within at least one area of said
5 telecommunication network, wherein it has a memory area loaded
6 with a software program for recognizing an emergency call
7 message from a mobile user in said area, and for distributing
8 this emergency call message first to mobile devices in the
9 vicinity of the mobile user and then to terminals, predefined
10 by said user, in the telecommunication network.

1 40 (previously presented): A method for using a mobile
2 communication device used by a user within a telecommunication
3 network for distributing an emergency call message within the
4 telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps
5 of:

6 allowing the user to communicate with other users in non-
7 emergency situations;
8 generating an emergency call message in an emergency;
9 automatically sending the emergency call message first to
10 one or more arbitrary mobile devices in a vicinity
11 closest to the mobile user; and then
12 distributing the emergency call message to terminals
13 predefined by said user.

1 41 (previously presented): The method of claim 40,
2 wherein at least one characteristic of the user other than the
3 user's identity is stored in a memory area of an
4 identification module included in the mobile communication
5 device.

1 42 (previously presented): A method for using a mobile
2 communication device used by a user within a telecommunication
3 network for distributing an emergency call message within the
4 telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps
5 of:

6 providing a user with a means for communicating with
7 other users in non-emergency situations;
8 generating an emergency call message in an emergency;
9 sending the emergency call message first to one or more
10 arbitrary mobile devices in a vicinity closest to
11 the mobile user; and then
12 optionally sending the emergency call message to one or
13 more arbitrary mobile devices in a vicinity less
14 close to the mobile user than the arbitrary mobile
15 devices in the vicinity closest to the mobile user;
16 and
17 optionally distributing the emergency call message to
18 terminals predefined by said user.

1 43 (previously presented): The method of claim 42,
2 wherein at least one characteristic of the user other than the
3 user's identity is stored in a memory area of an
4 identification module included in the mobile communication
5 device.

1 44 (previously presented): A method for using a mobile
2 communication device used by a user within a telecommunication

3 network for distributing an emergency call message within the
4 telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps
5 of:

6 generating an emergency call message in an emergency;
7 automatically sending the emergency call message first to
8 one or more arbitrary mobile devices part of the
9 communication network that are geographically
10 closest to the mobile user; and then
11 distributing the emergency call message to terminals
12 predefined by said user.

1 45 (previously presented): The method of claim 44,
2 wherein at least one characteristic of the user other than the
3 user's identity is stored in a memory area of an
4 identification module included in the mobile communication
5 device.